

## NOTES ON PHILIPPINE ORCHIDS

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**Renanthera elongata** Lindley, Gen. & Sp. Orch. Pl. (1833) 218.

*Renanthera matutina* Lindley in Bot. Reg. 29 (1843) t. 41, non Lindl. Gen. & Sp. Orch. Pl.

*Renanthera micrantha* Blume, Rumphia 4 (1848) 60.

In Ames Orchidaceae 5 (1915) 224, *Renanthera elongata* Lindl. was cited as a native of the Philippines on the authority of Lindley who referred to specimens collected by Cuming. At that time no material from the Philippines had been seen. In Merrill's Enumeration of Philippine Flowering Plants 1, fasc. 4 (1925) 428, *Renanthera elongata* was excluded from the flora, as after twenty years of intensive exploration no material had been observed.

Recently (December 1933), there has been received from Mrs. K. B. Day fragmentary material of a *Renanthera* collected on a small island off Mindanao. This material agrees essentially with the plant illustrated in the Botanical Register *loc. cit.*, erroneously referred to the Javan *R. matutina* Lindl., and may be taken as evidence that *Renanthera elongata* Lindl. is a native of the Philippines.

**Podochilus lucescens** Blume, Bijdr. (1825) 295.

In Merrill's Enumeration of Philippine Flowering Plants 1, fasc. 3 (1924) 322, this species was referred to synonymy under *P. strictus* Ames on the understanding that the Philippine material originally referred to *P. lucescens* in Ames Orchidaceae 5 (1915) 90 had been erroneously determined.

Recent studies of this material indicate that it is distinct for *P. strictus* and conspecific with *P. lucescens*.

The following collections have been examined and referred to *P. lucescens*.

LUZON, Tayabas, Bur. Sci. 1255, 20704: Camarines, Bur. Sci. 6371: Camarines Sur, Bur. Sci. 76466.

SAMAR, Bur. Sci. 17543.

NEGROS, Bur. Sci. 1137.

PANAY, Bur. Sci. 31332, 35346, 35376, 35601.

LEYTE, Wenzel 0253, 258a, 420, 0489, 0491, 0536, 0539.

MINDANAO, Bur. Sci. 36746.

TAWI TAWI, Bur. Sci. 44255.